

by their advance, ordered Company F and Company E to protect the left and right flanks of the assaulting waves. At 10:00 a. m. (10 hours) message from Company G: "We are under heavy artillery barrage. Machine gun fire holding us up." The battalion commander ordered: "Open fire on terrain in front with automatics and advance rapidly." The same message was sent to Company H.

At 10:30 a. m. (10½ hours) message from Company H received: "Under heavy artillery and machine gun fire. Am still going forward. Company A now 600 yards to our left rear." Company F pushed up one platoon to fill the gap between Company A and the advancing company. At 10:30 a. m. (10½ hours) the following message was sent to Company F, but was never delivered: "Attack vigorously on the left of Company H. Move northeast, cut off woods, join French southeast of Hautecourt."

At 10:55 a. m. (10 hours and 55 minutes) Company H had pushed one automatic under the enemy's wire and had secured a foothold in the enemy's trenches, killing two machine gun crews of seven men. Company G had men through the enemy's wire. At this point in the advance, hostilities ceased. In this enemy trench, which had been reached by 10:55 a. m. (10 hours and 55 minutes), there were one cannon, one minenwerfer and 6 heavy Maxim machine guns.